Dr. A. G. MENON.

May I know whether the exhibits sent returned to Cochin from London after the Exhibition? When was it?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Some were returned, a few months back, the rest being sold in London.

The Scout Movement in the State.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

270. (A) (a) How many students have joined the Scout movement from each of the schools in the State, since it was started?

(b) What is its present strength?

(c) How many teachers are now engaged in the movement, and who are they, and how many private gentlemen are now actually participating in it?

(d) What are the chief centres where the movement is now working?

(e) What is the total amount of money the Government have already spent to organise, maintain and foster this movement?

(f) What is the amount the public have contributed towards it?

(B) How many written or oral complaints have come to the notice of the Director or any of the Inspectors regarding acts committed by any of the Scouts or Scout-masters contrary to order and discipline that ought to be maintained in schools? If so, what action has been taken in such cases?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) and (b). The member is referred to the statement "A" appended. (*Vide Appendix XIII.*)

(c) Vide statements "B" and "C" appended. (*Vide Appendix XIV.*)

(d) (1) Ernakulam
(2) Trichur
(3) Chittur
(4) Nemmara
(5) Vadakkancheri
(6) Cherai
(7) Cochin
(8) Kunnamkulam
(9) Mulanturuttu
(10) Irinjalakkuda

(e) Rs. 24,923-6-11 including Rs. 15,000 spent for constructing the Scout Head-quarters building.

(f) Rs. 1,961-10-0.

(B) Two complaints came up to the notice of the Director. One was about the absence of the Scout-masters and Scouts from the Trichur Sirkar High School, without leave to attend

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the training camp held at Ollukkara in September 1923.. The matter was enquired into. The Deputy Commissioner explained that it was a piece of omission on the part of the Scout-masters and expressed regret. On his assurance that such negligence will not recur, the Scout-masters were excused and leave of absence granted to them and the Scouts. The other was a complaint from a Pulaya boy Scout in the St. Albert's High School about his removal from the school troop on the ground that he absented himself from one of the Scout classes. This was, on enquiry, found to be false, as the pupil was never sent away, but had himself ceased to attend the class since Makaram 1099. He was ordered to be re-admitted, if found to be regular in his attendance. The Inspectors have received no complaint.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

What is the main cause for the fall in the strength of the total number of Scouts? The previous number is 1,048, and now the number is reduced to 744.

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Every year a number of students leave the High School class, and they cease to be members of the organisation?

PRESIDENT.

There will be a corresponding addition.

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

There is another reason. We are not able to spend as much money as last year on account of financial conditions.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Part (c). May I know the main items on which money has been spent besides Rs. 15,000 referred to?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

For instance, we used to pay travelling allowance to the Secretary and to give contributions to Local Associations. We have an Assistant to the Secretary.

PRESIDENT.

And then they were getting up shows more than once.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Can separate figures be given for each of the main items?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

They could be given, if the Member requires.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Will the Government be pleased to call for the figures?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

If he wishes to have the figures, we shall be glad to supply them.

PRESIDENT.

You can put a separate question.

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